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1. a. Artillery units of about 1,200 troops arrived in the 1ste Infanterie Kaserne on Leninstrasse, CHEMNITZ (N 51/K 66), between 11 and 16 September 1949.
- (1) Numerous trucks, heavy guns, searchlights, range finders and field kitchens were observed with the troops.
- (2) Trucks, hauling billeting equipment from the freight station to the caserne on 13 September 1949
- b. About 40 T34 tanks arrived in the caserne on Adalbert Stifter Weg, CHEMNITZ, during the night of 5 October 1949.
- c. Twelve more tanks of this type moved toward the caserne on 8 October 1949.
- d. Several marching columns of about 60 troops each arrived in the caserne during the evening hours of 10 October 1949. The marching troops were accompanied by trucks.
- e. Trucks [redacted] proceeded toward the caserne on Adalbert Stifter Weg on 11 October 1949.
- f. Some soldiers observed in the caserne wore hitherto unseen branch-of-service insignia with a golden, multiple-pointed star with a red-point in its center. Other soldiers wore artillery insignia.

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2. A tank unit of 300 to 400 troops with its vehicles returned to the Ebersdorfer Kaserne, CHEMNITZ, from the KOENIGSBRUECK (N 52/A 31) troop training grounds during the night of 11 October 1949.

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3. The casernes on Leninstrasse (formerly Planitzstrasse) were occupied as follows on 10 November 1949:

a. Artillerie Kaserne:

(1) Occupied by tank and artillery units of about 600 troops, most of them recruits. They were said to have arrived in the caserne between 20 and 25 September 1949.

(2) Six 76.2-mm AT guns and one light armored reconnaissance car were observed in the caserne area.

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b. Infanterie Kaserne:

(1) Occupied by IVD units totaling 300 to 400 men, most of them being well-trained.

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4. The following observations were made in CHEMNITZ between 19 and 23 November 1949:

a. Obere Kaserne on Leninstrasse:

(1) Occupied to capacity by artillery units, primarily recruits, amounting to about one battalion.

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b. Untere Kaserne:

Occupied to capacity by IVD units amounting to one or two battalions.

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with the few motor vehicles in the kaserne.

c. Ubersdorfer Kaserne on Adalbert Stifter Weg:

Occupied by artillery units.

Among the few motor vehicles seen there identified:

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A large sedan [redacted] was parked in front of an apartment building on Huttenstrasse, near the kaserne.

d. Local residents said that tank units with about 100 tanks had left the Untere Kaserne in the summer of 1949.

e. Large MA units arrived in CHEMNITZ in September 1949. Guns of these units were moving through the city throughout two nights.

25X1 [redacted] Comment:

a. The detailed information on Soviet troops in CHEMNITZ confirms the arrival in the 1te Infanterie kaserne of elements of the 7 No. (6th Gds?) AAA Div of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany in September 1949. Component units of the division were transferred to the RUE-SCHNEEBERG area at the same time. The division may therefore be considered as confirmed in the mentioned area up to 23 November 1949. The former 1te Infanterie kaserne had been occupied by component units (tank units?) of the 8th Gds Recz Div up to the summer of 1949. These units may have been transferred to the LEIPZIG area upon completion of maneuvers.

b. The other CHEMNITZ kasernes were again occupied by component units of the 8th Gds Recz Div which returned from the ROEMIGERBRUECK troop training grounds.

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